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Wickham Market Parish Council

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Finance & General Purpose Committee: Meets on the first Monday alternate months. Responsible for grants and managing financial reporting and budgets.

Planning Committee: Meets as required and reviews and comments on all planning applications for the Parish.

Staffing and Personnel Committee: Meets as required and advises the council on all employment matters.

Sizewell C Committee: Advises the Council on the impact of Sizewell C.

Environment & Leisure Working Group: Meets on the second Monday alternate months and responsibilities include the Cemetery, Allotments and Footpaths.

Climate Change Working Group: Responsible for the Climate Action Strategy and advising the Council on Climate Change actions.

Village Hall Modernisation Working Group: Working with the Village Hall Trustees to develop the hall.

Emergency Plan Working Group: Responsible for developing plans to manage emergencies in the parish.

Welcome to our August edition of **Wickham Market Parish News**. As you can see, there is a lot happening in our vibrant parish at the moment.

We really appreciate all the volunteers and groups that support our community in so many ways. Several have showcased their work in this issue.

The Parish Council now have a new Deputy Clerk, Leanne Castle, who will be working in the parish council

office at the back of the village hall on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

In addition to this, I will be hosting drop in sessions on Wednesdays from 12.30 - 2.30pm from 21 August. Please come and see me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Ivor French

Chair, Wickham Market Parish Council

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IN AND AROUND WICKHAM MARKET

Updating you with some of the things that are happening around our village.

Extra Grass Cutting on Playing Fields

Everything is growing very quickly at the moment and our playing fields are no exception. The grass has excess growth between cuts which makes cuts less effective and the areas less pleasant for community use. The Parish Council has therefore taken the decision to increase the mowing regime to a weekly cut during the growing season, starting in August 2024.



Footpath to Wickham Gate and crossing

The new footpath to Wickham Gate and the crossing are being constructed as part of Hopkins Homes s278 responsibilities.



Cemetery Hedge Maintenance

The Cemetery hedge alongside the road was getting a bit wild! This has now been tamed and no longer obstructs the footpath



Market Roadside advertising

Swing boards to advertise markets and other events have been purchased with a grant from East Suffolk Council, Economic Development.



Village Hall Weeds

Many thanks to Simon who has cleared the weeds around the village hall to make it look a bit more presentable!



Dog Waste Bin Reinstated

The old bin on Border Cot Lane at Riverside View was removed to make way for new fencing. This has now been replaced with a new bin.



WELCOME LEANNE

We are pleased to announce that Wickham Market Parish Council have appointed Leanne Castle as their Deputy Parish Clerk.

Leanne will be providing administrative and communications support on a part time basis and will be based in the council office, at the rear of Wickham Market Village Hall most Wednesday and Thursday mornings.



Leanne has a business background plus many years of office, marketing and event curation experience.

ROADWORKS IN UFFORD AND GRUNDISBURGH

I just wanted to bring you all up to speed with the pending Gas Works in Ufford.

On Tuesday 16th July, Adam Breen (Costain) and his colleague Andrew Stone (Cadent) attended the Ufford Parish Council meeting and presented revised plans for the works to the Gas Main in Ufford and Pettistree. The presentation is attached but in essence:

- The works will now no longer require the High Street / Yarmouth Road to be closed – the works will operate on the grass verge or under 2-way traffic lights.
- The works will be co-ordinated with the Sewer works to the 7 houses at Hill Farm – resulting in two services using the same trench.
- There will be no working between 28th November and 6th January – this will allow all Christmas events to continue without disruption
- There is a requirement to close the A12 Slip Road (at Pettistree), part of Loudham Hall Lane and Byng Hall Road (see presentation) – Any dwellings or business directly affected by this will be contacted separately by Cadent/ Costain

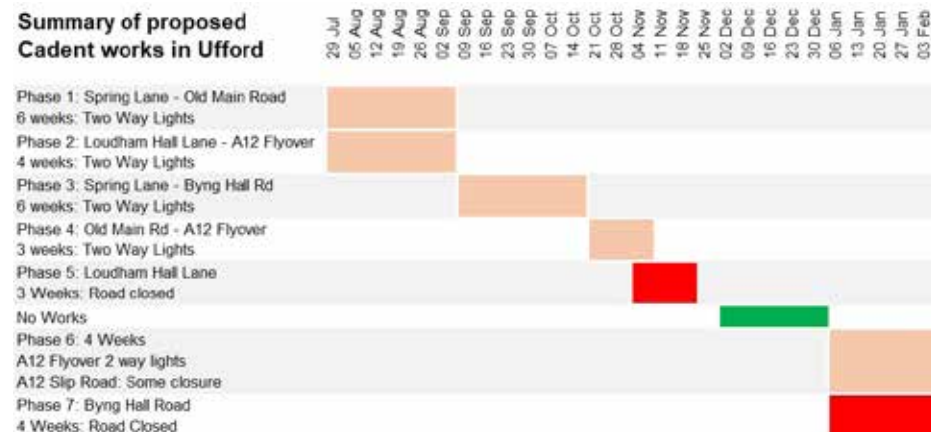
Cadent/Costain are hosting a Businesses Drop In Session on Thursday 25th July (10.00am ~ 6.00pm at Ufford Community Hall). This will be a chance for any business who believes they will be affected by this work, to speak to Cadent/ Costain and find out more about schemes that can help them.

As you can image, this revised plan is very welcome and although the works will still have an impact on some residents and businesses this is much reduced from the original plan. We thank Cadent, Costain and SCC Network Assurance for working together with UPC and County Councillor Alexander Nicoll to find a much more suitable solution to this problem.

Judi Hallett
Clerk to Ufford Parish Council

Information correct as we go to print on 22 July
Cadent Customer Contact Centre
0800 1512404
customerareeastern@cadentgas.com

Summary of proposed Cadent works in Ufford



This summary is based on the best information available as we go to print using a Cadent presentation which can be found at: <https://ufford.suffolk.cloud/assets/Parish-Council/Gas/Revised-Gas-Works-Presentation-July-2024.pdf> These closures and traffic controls may not be in place for the entire planned periods and works may be brought forward depending on progress.

ROAD CLOSURE: B1079 IN GRUNDISBURGH

On Friday 12th July I attended a 10 Parish meeting with Cllr Paul West and Cllr Elaine Bryce Suffolk County Council, Hopkins Homes and Anglia Water.

The County Council confirmed that the B1079 will be closed the week commencing 12th August for 7 weeks to enable works at the junction with Lower Road Grundisburgh for 'junction visibility improvements' and allow a replacement of a new water main.

The official route for traffic will still be the B1078 via Wickham Market to the A12 north and south at the Fiveways roundabout increasing traffic through the High Street, this will include HGV's from Debach Enterprises on the official anti-clockwise route.

It is unknown the approximate number of HGV's that will use this route.

Ivor French
Chair, Wickham Market Parish Council



HEDGEHOG CORNER

Ponds, mini beasts and the dangers of strimming.

Summer finally arrived at Wickham Market and after five years here, I finally have a wildlife pond! It may be small but it's got all the habitat required for wildlife to thrive.

Every tiny patch of land that we can put to helping the biodiversity of our village helps, so let's keep those nature corridors going and stop putting insecticides and weedkiller down. It will help not only our disappearing nature, but us personally too.



Trust me, sitting by the pond, watching dragonflies and damsel flies flitting around, perching on lilly pads and the long leaves of the Iris, is a tonic for the soul. Next year, hopefully there will be amphibians and lots of mini beasts too for the hedgehogs and other animals to eat.

Birds like swallows and swifts need ponds that they can skim over to drink, so please don't put a cover over your pond; this is one reason why there are fewer nests every year.



To be a natural wildlife pond, it doesn't need filters, it doesn't need chemicals, all it needs is native wild plants to oxygenate the pond and taller marginal plants on the edge to give somewhere for the insects to land on, and of course that all important slope, so nobody will drown when stopping by for a drink! Nature will do the rest and it's fascinating to behold.

Hoping you all are having an amazing summer, and please don't forget to put water out for wildlife, it's a life saver. Please also remember to check any long grass or undergrowth for hedgehogs before strimming or mowing! I have had four cases of strimmer injuries here in Wickham so far this year. Most images are too upsetting to share.



I'm sure you've noticed the wonderful bee café at the Market Square. It makes such a difference to the square, and our pollinators! Thanks to Pauline for tending to them; we'd love some more volunteers to help too please.

Our ESC Councillor Sally Noble, (who was responsible for building my pond!), hopes to do another Wild About Wickham event in Autumn, and behind the scenes I'm working on creating Wickham Market's Biodiversity Plan. I would be very happy to hear from anyone who is interested.

Any questions please contact me:
niki.f@wickhammarketpc.com.

Niki Fowler

WICKHAM MARKET ALLOTMENTS

Wickham Market have two allotment sites, Glebe and Simons Cross, providing over 90 full size allotments plots. Allotment rents are due on 1 October annually.



Rent reminders will be sent to existing plot holders in early September and payment can be made online, by cheque or personally by card.

A full plot is about 250 square metres and costs £42 per year, due in one payment on 1 October.

This is equivalent of £3.50 per month. That is less than the price of 3 onions, 300g of sprouts and 180g of runner beans at Tesco per month! *

For more information about allotments visit the Allotment Association website at

<http://www.wmallotments.org.uk/>



* Prices correct on 18 July 2024

ALL SAINTS CHURCH



As August arrives, many people have a holiday break. Let's hope the weather is better! At All Saints, it is business as usual. Apart from our Sunday services, we also have a Friday coffee morning from 10-12 noon. Time to meet and chat, and enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. All welcome. Our "Together@11" service is also an opportunity to have tea/coffee and toast at 10.30 before the service, which is informal, round tables with stories, songs, prayers and craft. On occasional Sundays, we all join in a "bring and share" lunch (there is a theme developing here), and twice a month we join in Communion, where the bread and wine reminds us of Jesus giving His life (the body and blood) for us. Have a great Summer, and you are welcome to join us.

Dr Peter Elliott. Lay Elder

Our regular monthly pattern of services is:-

- 1st Sunday: 11.00 Communion
- 2nd Sunday: 11.00 Contemporary Service
15.00 Oasis (Informal service with tea and cake)
- 3rd Sunday: 09.30 Communion
10.30 Coffee/Tea & toast followed by
an informal family service Together@11
18.30 Praise and Prayer
- 4th Sunday 11.00 Contemporary Service with Testimonies
- 5th Sunday 11.00 Contemporary Service



Many enjoyable Wednesday mornings took place in Spring-Autumn times in the new Library now not so new garden. Interspersed with coffee and biscuits. The ladder was for fig tree pruning and high hedge care. Left to right.

Carole French, Gill Waterson, Corinne Ellam, Mary and John Sculper and Bryan Hall.

BE WELL BUS

The Be Well Bus was in Wickham Market on Wednesday 10th July.

It was organised by East Suffolk District Council and gave everyone the opportunity to visit the bus and find out about a wide range of advice, services and organisations.

These included help, advice and support for already established, East Suffolk businesses, as well as training workshops and start up advice for anyone considering being their own boss.



Also on hand were representatives from CAP who provide a range of sessions on money management, cooking on a budget and making your money go further. With free exercise class information from Step by Step, help with options regarding care at home plus information for people and carers about Alzheimer's disease and sight loss, there was a wealth of details available.

If you couldn't visit the Be Well Bus, please see below for the contact details of the various support and organisations mentioned.

East Suffolk Means Business - for advice, grants and training for established businesses, sole trader, partnerships and limited companies: www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk

Start Your New Business Well - do you have a business idea and want to make it happen or have you started a new business in the last 12 months? - Free online business workshops and one to one advice if you are East Suffolk based: www.menta.org.uk/start-up-training

Be Your Own Boss - find out about setting up as self-employed and provide home-help, gardening or handy-person services. - Free help and support



from Community Catalysts: Contact Jayne Vaughan, email her at jayne.vaughan@communitycatalysts.co.uk or phone 07435 943 673

Don't Fudge it. Budget - a free service to help you manage your money: Call Julia Rose on 07930 197338 or email juliarose@caplifefskills.org

Lifting the Weight of Debt - free debt advice and personal support: Call 0800 328 0006 or visit www.capdebthelp.org

Care and Support - a directory to help you find local people who offer help at home, with meals, gardening and getting out and about: Visit www.smallgoodstuff.co.uk/Suffolk

Step by Step. Better Balance Sessions - improve your strength and balance; reduce your risk of falling with gentle, chair-based exercises: For more information, session dates and times call 01473 345350

Suffolk Sight - your sight-loss charity, they support adults and children of all ages: Book a free assessment at www.suffolksight.org.uk or call 01473 611011

Alzheimer's Society - their dementia support service gives you personalised help, face to face or over the phone: Go to www.alzheimers.org.uk or call 0333 150 3456

Leanne Castle



We all want to see Wickham Market and the surrounding villages and towns thrive.

One of the main ways this can happen is when local businesses, freelancers and tradespeople have plenty of customers and are able to grow and provide more employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities to the workforce.

East Suffolk Council has a one-stop-shop with help, advice, grants and support for businesses based in East Suffolk. The Economic Development team want to help everyone in business navigate the support that is available to ensure they can access it easily. They are also keen to support a regular business get together in Wickham Market, if there is interest and they would love to know whether trades and businesses of whatever size, think this would be good for business.

With empty shops and units plus space available on market days there has never been a better time for the business community to meet up for relaxed, informal networking to share tips and ideas.

If you are considering expanding your business or need advice in a specific area of business please visit www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk or email economicdevelopment@eastsuffolk.gov.uk with your enquiry.

They would appreciate your thoughts on whether you would find a business group useful too.

If you are considering setting up a business or limited company, or have done so in the last 12 months give yourself the best possible chance of success by obtaining free business advice and training with free start-up training and advice, visit www.menta.org.uk.

Leanne Castle

Your LOCAL Business and Service pull out
From Wickham Market Parish Council

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



ALL IN AUTO SERVICES

Vehicle service and maintenance
Riverside View Industrial estate
01728 746999
allinautoservices@btconnect.com

BAYFIELDS DIGITAL

TV Aerials, Satellite TV, WiFi, CCTV
9 Riverside View Industrial Estate
01728 745745
www.bayfieldsdigital.com

BELLISSIMA BEAUTY

Beauty treatments/gifts
46 High Street 01728 746981
www.bellissima-beauty.co.uk

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Indian Restaurant/Takeaway
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www.the-bengal.co.uk

BLUE CROCUS TEXTILES

Textiles, lampshades, curtains, blinds
& fabric designs,
179C High Street 01473 487844
www.bluecrocustextiles.com

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Cakes, coffee, lunch and more
46 High Street 01728 746690
www.cafe46.co.uk

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www.coop.co.uk

EAST ANGLIAN TRADITIONAL ART CENTRE

48 High Street 01728 747050
www.eatac.co.uk

ENGLISH GRAIN

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<https://www.englishgrain.co.uk/>

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75 High Street 01728 46361

HAIR AFFAIR

Hairdressers
73 High Street 01728 746616

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www.peterhallflooring.com

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Riverside View Industrial estate
01728 747279 / 07747 831535

LILY CHRISTINA

Bridal Collection (by appt only)
77B High Street 07717 448509
www.lilychristinabridal.com

MORRISONS DAILY

Convenience Store
79A High Street 01728 747413
www.morrisons.com

THE NEW PEACH BOWER

Chinese Restaurant/Takeaway
56 High Street 01728 747901
www.thenewpeachbower.co.uk

If you have a business located in Wickham Market and would like to list your details here
FOR FREE, please let me know: clerk@wickhammarketpc.com

LET'S KEEP IT LOCAL!

NR RESTORATIONS

Property renovations, refurbishments.
Nathan Reay 07432 241101
nrrestorations@icloud.com

NULIFE FURNISHINGS

Curtains, blinds, soft furnishings, upholstery
Riverside View Industrial estate
01728 747745

OFFSET FILMS

Film and Video Production
179D High Street. 01473 598669
www.offsetfilms.co.uk

OLD SCHOOL ANTIQUES

Unit 1, Riverside View IP13 0TA
01728 746700
www.theoldschoolantiques.co.uk

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179 High St

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Butchery/Fine food and wine
81 High Street 01728 746263
www.revettd.co.uk

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Plumbing, heating, tiling. Bathroom & kitchen installations.

42 Barhams Way, IP13 0SR.
07999250203 01728564132
www.daruseplumbingandheating.co.uk

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www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

SAXON VETS

22 High Street 01728 747427
www.saxonvets.com

ANNA SHAND

Chiropodist / Podiatrist
64 High Street 01728 745010

SOUTH EAST ANTIQUES

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Unit 7, Riverside View, IP13 0TA
www.southeastantiques.co.uk

SVRC DOG WASH

Riverside View industrial estate
07921 586339

TEA POT TEA ROOMS

Dine-in/Takeaway
70A High Street 01728 748079

VALLEY FARM EQUESTRIAN LEISURE

Horse Riding, Visitor Centre, Holiday Lodge, Camping
<https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/>

WICKHAM MARKET DENTAL CLINIC

2 Crown House 01728 746222
www.wickhammarketdentist.co.uk

WICKHAM MARKET PHARMACY

68 High Street 01728 746267

WICKHAM MARKET POST OFFICE

and Stores
36 High Street 01728 746201

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FALLEN TREES: 0345 606 6171

HIGHWAY FLOODING: SCC
0345 606 6171 or 0300 1235000
www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

STREET CLEANING/CLEARING:
0333 016 2000

POWER CUTS: Power Networks call:
105 or 999

DANGEROUS STRUCTURES:
01394 444 219 or 0800 440 2516

MANHOLE PROBLEMS that are considered an emergency:
0345 606 6171

WATER LEAKS: Anglian Water: 24/7
0345 145 145

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL Emergency out of Hours: 0800 440 2516

USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK:
14 Colonial House, Station Rd, Leiston IP16 4JD
Open Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10 - 2 pm

Wickham Market drop in service:
Resource Centre (next to the Library)
Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm.
www.leistoncab.org
www.citizensadvice.org.uk
01728 832193 or 0808 2787868 (Free)

Disability Advice Service
(East Suffolk): 01394 387070

Good Neighbour Scheme: (GNS)
Available to residents in Wickham Market parish only. Transport to medical and social appointments. Friendship and support with shopping, posting letters, filling forms, computers, dog walking, DIY, 07914 494108.

Wellbeing Tree Café at The Aspire Centre. Relax, chat and make new friends over a hot drink and cake. Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30.

Men's Shed: Behind the Village Hall. Social and creative centre. Mondays 2 pm
www.wmshed.org.uk 01728 747782

INTERESTS

Youth Football Club, Simon's Cross Playing Field, IP13 0ST.
Steph: 07778 880735.

Football Club and Social Club, behind the Village Hall. 01728 747731
www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk

Tennis Club, Simon's Cross Playing Field: 01728 746736

Bowls Club (playing Field):
01728 746715

Red Triangle Bowls Club:
01728 604491

GLEVERING HALL IP13 0EU

Badminton Club at 7:30
Thursday: Ladies / senior school students
Monday: Men / senior school students
07860 402288

VALLEY FARM

Pony Club <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/pony-club>
Tots Pony Club <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots>
Young Equestrians Club
<https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/young-equestrians>

VILLAGE HALL

Lettings: Alison 07653 226760

lettings.wmvillagehall@gmail.com

Also at the Village Hall

Bingo

Tuesdays 6pm

Tina Clack 01728 746846

Community Club: social activities and support for those new to the area, Friday mornings

Val Mann: val@penpal.me.uk
01728 747078

Gardening Club:

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm

wmgardenclub27@gmail.com

Toddler and Baby Group

Wednesdays during school term

9:00 - 11:30 (£2.50 per family)

stephanieworne@gmail.com

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Second Thursday each month at 7.30

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Crown Lane, IP13 0SA

01728 748224

warden@wickhammarketchurch.org

www.wickhammarketchurch.org

Open Pantry: Fresh food and household goods shared with anyone in need.

Thursdays 9 - 11 am.

Open Door: coffee, tea, biscuits and friendship.

Fridays 10am to noon

Bell Ringing: Monday Evenings from 7:30 - 9pm

BEEHIVE BUILDING

 Crown Lane

Rainbows (age 4-7), **Brownies** (age 7-10), Linda Payne: 01728 604491

Guides (age 10+)

Jacquie Goodwin & Tracy Burch

WICKHAM MARKET LIBRARY

Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD. Open

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30 - 5.30

Saturday: 10 - 12.30 then 1 - 4.30

help@suffolklibraries.co.uk

01728 747216

Regular Events at the Library:

Family History Guidance By Appointment: Tuesdays 10am - 1pm

Morning Book Group:

1st Tuesday monthly 10am,

Tots Rock: - active songs and rhymes for preschool children:

Thursdays 9.45am - 10.15am,

Sewing Group:

Thursdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm,

Lego Club:

Saturdays 10am - 12pm.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

01728 746915

WM PRIMARY SCHOOL and LITTLE AVOCETS NURSERY:

01728 746405

RESOURCE CENTRE Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD: 01728 747782

Resource Centre Gardening Group

2nd Wednesday monthly at 10am.

Barbara Harrington: sbharrington@outlook.com or come along.

ARCHIVE CENTRE:

Local history, archives and artefacts

Philip Tallent 01728 746058



The WM Good Neighbour Scheme supports Wickham Market Parish residents by providing a service giving lifts or doing small tasks that enable those in need to cope. We also provide a befriending service within the village.

We are now in our 17th year of operation and in the year ending March 2024 we carried out 977 tasks for a total of 53 clients. This included 83 hospital visits, and a further 194 visits other types of medical appointments (GP surgery/ dentist/optician). We delivered 34 prescriptions and 116 driving tasks to take people to social activities and visits to care homes. We undertook 25 trips taking people to the hairdressers. There are three residents in the village to whom we provide a befriending service which helps these individuals to remain in their homes; 470 of the total tasks assisted those we befriend. Whilst the bulk of our work involves transport, we also cover shopping, dog walking or minor DIY tasks.

We currently have 35 volunteers, which includes 8 phone holders and 27 drivers, of whom 5 cover local jobs only.

Our income consists of donations, grants and bequests which covers our expenditure on the phone contract, insurance, DBS checks, training and the events that we run. The cost of mandatory training for our volunteers is increasing. The grant from the Parish Council is very much appreciated as it goes towards the paying for the phone and insurance.

The committee sincerely thanks all our volunteers for their dedication and hard work and for making the WMGNS the success story it is.

If you need our assistance, or would like to volunteer (we are always in need of more drivers) please call us on **07914 494108**

The phone is manned Monday – Friday between 9.00am – 5.00pm, or you can leave a message.

IMAGES OF OLD WICKHAM MARKET

The George will have a display of pictures of the Village as part of the decoration planned.

If you have any interesting views please send Images to john@eatac.co.uk.

Old paintings and drawings are suitable, and Victorian and pre-war photos. Old post cards of landmarks can be scanned.



WICKHAM MARKET CRAFT CLUB

MONDAY afternoons from 1pm - 3pm in the village hall committee room. Our membership is growing steadily and it has been a pleasure to meet our new crafting buddies.

So far we have had members bringing items of lovely needlework, embroidery, handmade denim bags, quilting, patchwork and wax (encaustic) painting to display and talk about with others. We also had a visit from Dariusz who makes amazing unique pieces from wood (some of you may have seen his work on Facebook and Nextdoor).

By sharing our makings with others we hope to encourage people to maybe try out a new activity or share their knowledge with others. Our aim is to bring about a resurgence of skills before they are lost to time and history. Also to craft is a great way to relax and spend time creatively.

From August there will be a table for spare & unwanted craft items to peruse and purchase. A great way to recycle all those odds n ends.

So do pop along and share with us the joy that is being creative. Contact paulhug41@gmail.com.



All stages & ages most welcome.

£2.00 per session, includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

Pauline Huggins



The George
Community Pub, Wickham Market



STUDENTS FROM SUFFOLK NEW COLLEGE LEARN TRADITIONAL HERITAGE BUILDING SKILLS.

The George Community Pub has recently funded 14 students and 2 lecturers from Suffolk New College and Suffolk Rural to attend a four-day course in heritage building skills at the Orchard Barn Environmental Education Centre at Ringshall near Stowmarket.



This project is part of The George's commitment to support the work of local heritage and traditional building skills which will see the students visit The George later in the year to see those skills in practice.

The learners are all engaged with carpentry and joinery courses at Suffolk New College and undertook a timber frame restoration skills course at Orchard Barn. MD at Orchard, Sarah Partridge, said how delighted they were to organise the course helping the learners to gain a recognised qualification and to further their career ambitions. Daniel Woodward, a carpentry lecturer at Suffolk Rural



Collage said “Re-learning skills that have been around for hundreds of years will help to keep them alive. The students got stuck in and demonstrated a brilliant work ethic. Many thanks to The George Community Pub for arranging this opportunity.”

Minty Day, 19, from Stoke-by-Nayland, a level 2 carpentry student said “The course has been brilliant and the staff [at Orchard Barn] have been very informative. It has inspired me to work in the heritage field in the future and I'd like to thank Orchard Barn and The George Community Pub for this fantastic opportunity”

This part of The George Community Pub project is a three-way partnership with funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The Radcliffe Trust. It is just one part of The George Community Pub's commitment to engagement with the community ensuring that it will always be 'more than a pub'.

When is The George going to open?

The big question and one to which there is not yet a firm answer. It is not going to be for Christmas 2024 which was the most recent target date. From the point when the contractor Seamans hands over the site there is a 6-7 week fit-out period when a lot must happen. This will include installing the bar, kitchen and cellar equipment downstairs and the fixed equipment upstairs in the Activity Space. Then there is all the furniture and sundries from staging upstairs to the last teaspoon downstairs. All must be sourced, ordered, delivered and installed ready for opening. At the same time all the infrastructure and systems necessary for operating a community pub must be put in place including employment and operating policies, licensing, staff recruitment, new website, publicity.

Spring 2025 is now the likely opening date for The George. Most of the work during the fit-out period will be down to the small team of volunteers to carry out. They would welcome practical support from members of the community, shareholders and supporters to boost the stretched resources of the Management Committee and User Group.

Contact cec@thegeorgecommunitypub.co.uk to express your interest.

WICKHAM MARKET PRIMARY SCHOOL



The second half of the summer term at Wickham Market Primary School was full of traditional school events and exciting class trips.



Our Science and Eco Ambassadors, a group of 10 pupils from across the school, represented the school at the Great Science Share hosted by Colchester Zoo. The ambassadors meet weekly to work on eco and science projects in the Phizz Lab. This year the Great Science Share topic was sustainable science and the ambassadors have been working on water usage in the school. Enthused by a visit from Anglian Water all the taps, toilets, water fountains etc in the school were assessed for

whether they were functioning correctly or leaked. At Colchester Zoo the pupils showcased their project with real taps that pupils from other schools could turn on and off and talked about their project.

Year 6 went to Aldeburgh Yacht Club for a day of sailing and rowing. Both activities were challenging due to strong winds and a fast-flowing tide, but they all showed fantastic resilience and did a great job of representing the school with great manners and teamwork.

Year 2/3 enjoyed a trip to Flixton Aviation Museum as part of their history work on the history of flight. They learnt how to fly a plane (on a simulator which was previously used to train American pilots), navigate in an aeroplane and explored various aircraft. A few future pilots were identified!



Year 3/4 spent a day exploring the River Deben with The Suffolk Wildlife Trust as part of their geography work about rivers. They started the day at the source of the river and travelled to Brandeston, Woodbridge and finished the day at the river mouth in Bawdsey, observing and measuring the river in each location. The children learned a huge amount during this very practical experience (as well as enjoying splashing in their wellies!!).

All of Year 5 have been learning to play the guitar this year and they enjoyed the opportunity to hone their performance skills at the WCET Festival in Bury St Edmunds. Year 5 also had the opportunity to visit a real working farm kindly organised and funded by The Country Trust.

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Aldeburgh, exploring our coastline and visiting the lifeboat station and Nursery and Reception visited Rendlesham Forest enjoying a picnic lunch with their families.

We enjoyed a fantastic whole school Sports Day, with perfect weather. The children demonstrated fantastic determination and sportsmanship and were cheered on



by many supportive family members. There was a proud victory lap for the winning team and a record number of parent races. A great time was had by all.

The academic year drew to a close with the Year 6 production of Robin Hood and a lovely leavers assembly on the last day of term. We wish all of our Year 6 pupils the best of luck at their new schools, they have done us proud and we know they will continue to achieve great things in the next chapter of their education. We look forward to welcoming the rest of the children back to school in September for a new year full of opportunities.

Jo Harris
Head of School

MODERNISING THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

VILLAGE HALL PROJECT UPDATE



The Village Hall Modernisation Project has reached several critical milestones. This ambitious project, aimed at revitalising our Village Hall, has attracted substantial support and funding, ensuring its future as a central hub for the community. Here's a detailed update on the progress and what lies ahead.

Securing Crucial Funding

One of the most significant achievements recently is the support of our grant bid application for £500,000 from the ESC District CIL Infrastructure Panel. This funding is pivotal for the project, although the final decision and the amount are pending an ESC Cabinet meeting scheduled for 3rd September 2024.

We are grateful to Sally Noble, ESC Councillor for Wickham Market Ward, and Sam Kenward, Communities Officer for Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale, Yoxford, and surrounding villages. Their unwavering support and guidance have been invaluable to our efforts.

Additionally, Pettistree Parish Council has generously donated £5,000 of their CIL Funding to the project. This gesture is a testament to the community's collective spirit and dedication to preserving our shared spaces.

Community and Business Contributions

Local support has also been forthcoming, with the Wickham Market Partnership and numerous local residents pledging funding amounting to £6,700. This communal backing is crucial as it highlights the project's importance to the residents and local businesses alike.

Progress in Design and Planning

Our architects, OWL of Bungay, have provided the full-service architectural

design costs, while Johns Slater and Howard of Ipswich have submitted the costs for mechanical and electrical services. We are also collaborating with East Green Energy from Woodbridge to establish budget costs for installing Solar PV Panels with a battery backup system. These elements will undergo a competitive selection process to ensure the best price and design.

A comprehensive building survey has been completed, resulting in concept layout drawings and a report of findings. The proposed architectural modernisation concept designs and artist impressions are now available on the Parish Council website for public review.

Formation of the Working Group

To streamline the project, the Terms of Reference (TOR) for forming the Village Hall Joint Modernisation Working Group/Committee have been drafted. This committee will include members from the Parish Council and Village Hall Trustees, with non-committee members contributing specialised skills without voting rights. Discussions to finalise these details are ongoing with the Village Hall CIO Trustees.

Looking Ahead

The Village Hall Modernisation Steering Group remains committed to securing sufficient funding and producing the best possible modernisation design schemes. Emphasising low carbon technologies, we aim to meet current building regulations and achieve low running costs, securing the hall's viability for the next 30 years.

Call for Volunteers

While the modernisation work is set to commence in 2025, dependant on funding, the Village Hall must continue to operate. We call upon volunteers and additional funding to help cover the operational costs and keep this vital community resource running smoothly.

The Village Hall Modernisation Project is a beacon of community effort and forward-thinking. With continued support and participation from everyone, we can ensure that our Village Hall remains a vibrant, functional, and eco-friendly space for future generations.

For more details and to stay updated, visit the Parish Council website and participate in this transformative journey.

Cllr John Horsnell



STREET NAMING (AND MIS-NAMING) OF WICKHAM GATE

Whenever a new road is built it has to be given a name, and that official responsibility belongs to the local District Council, but they usually ask local groups for some input.

So, when the layout of the new Wickham Gate development was proposed, East Suffolk Council (ESC) asked Pettistree Parish Council for some suggestions, because, at the time, the development was in Pettistree. (From 1st April 2023, following an official boundary change, the development became part of Wickham Market).

Pettistree Parish Council, alongside its own research, asked Wickham Market Area Archive Centre (WMAAC) if we had any suggestions.

Back in 1987, WMAAC published The Deben Valley Place Names book for Pettistree, which explains the origin of the field names shown on the 1840 Tithe maps, and shows how the fields and their



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names had changed by 1987. You might be able to see some of the strange field names used in 1840. Names like Tin Pot, Spit Ditch and Willinuts would probably not be acceptable as street names. However, other, more suitable names were put forward.

The names that were agreed upon by ESC were Observers Road, Barrows Close, Damsons Drive, Robin Close and Ethelwold Drive.

Unfortunately there is no apparent reason for the interesting field name Ethelwold. According to Wikipedia, Æthelwold was the younger of two known sons of King Æthelred I, who was King of Wessex from 865 to 871. Æthelwold eventually became king of Northumbria and Essex, but there is no apparent reason to name a field after him. Damson Field was probably named after the plum trees grown there.

A barrow is another name for a mound or tumulus, so that may account for the field named Barrows. However, it could have been derived from Burrows, if there were lots of rabbits in the area.

By 1987, Observer Field was an amalgamation of 7 smaller fields, and was given this name because the Royal Observer Corps (ROC) had an underground observation bunker just off Chapel Lane (illustrated here). It is still there, with the top welded closed. In the Archive Centre we have a great deal of information about the ROC, because two former members, Ray Morris (3rd from left) and Ted Barrett (4th from left on the back row), have left us many photos, personal records and information about the local Corps. This photo shows the members of the ROC in 1976.



Finally, Robin Close. The eagle-eyed among you will notice on the map that field number 62 is not in fact Robin Close. It was misread as this, when submitting the name to ESC, but was in fact Rosin Close. It was thus named because it was close to The Rosery, which was on land where wild roses grew. It was only in recent months, when thinking about this article, that I discovered that we have another unusual street name in Wickham Market, and, of course, by that time it was too late to change. So what will forever be called Robin Close, could, and perhaps should, have been Rosin Close.



Philip Tallent, Chairman WMAAC

The Archive Centre is now in the Library Garden, Chapel Lane, and is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Wickham Market & District Gardening Club



47th Annual Autumn Show Wickham Market Village Hall

Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th
September 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Admission Free
Refreshment Available

Details & entry forms at
wmgardenclub.org.uk/autumn-show/



Wickham Market WI



Wickham Market WI are holding a coffee morning on
Saturday 31st August 10am to 12 noon at
Wickham Market Village Hall



All Welcome



WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: Highways, Recycling

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/> 0345 606 6067

Reporting any highways issue including: potholes, street lights, drains, hedges, gritting, pavements <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL: Waste collection, Pay car parks,

Planning <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/> 0333 016 2000

Sally Noble sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

District Councillor for the Wickham Market Ward.

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL: Cemetery, Playing

Fields, Children's Play Area, Allotments, Markets, Footpaths (with SCC).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COUNCIL SERVICES:

<https://wickhammarketpc.com/useful-links/>



SIZEWELL C SOUTHERN PARK & RIDE

The enabling works for the Southern Park & Ride facility have commenced. The site perimeter fence has been installed.

Works have been ongoing to enable site access to be created.

Once the site access has been created archaeological works will begin from Mid August and will take approximately 12 months to complete. Progress updates will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Relations
<https://www.sizewellc.com/community/>

